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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Patent Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 1644
Kojiro Okamoto et al.)	Examiner: Jorge L. Ortiz Criado
Application No. 09/744,595)	Group Art Unit: 2627
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REPLY BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 41.41

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Sir:

This Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer dated January 24, 2007.

In Section (4) of the Examiner's Answer, at page 2, the Examiner states that rejection in the final Office Action of claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is no longer pending. Accordingly, the Examiner's statement obviates the Section 112 rejection, which Appellants addressed in Section VII, Subsection A of the Appeal Brief.

Additionally, Appellants would like to point out the following inadvertent typographical errors noted upon further review of Appeal Brief:

First, the identification of the "Application No." and the "Attorney Docket No." in the headers on each of pages 2 to 15 is incorrect. The "Application No." should be "09/744,595" and the "Attorney Docket No." should be "740819-416."

Second, on page 8, line 2, "invalid" should be "patentable."

In light of the foregoing clarifications, and the arguments presented on pages 5 to 15 of the Appeal Brief, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claim 29 is erroneous and should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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